

## **Supporting Work Works!**

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The HB45/ SWI (Support Work Independence) Program assists individuals with the most significant disabilities to maintain competitive employment in integrated employment settings by providing extended services to people who are on the Division of Services for People with Disabilities' (DSPD) waiting list.

A partnership with the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and contracted community agencies makes the best use of available resources and funding options.

Currently, 80 people are actively participating in this program. While some are already employed, others continue to receive the support necessary in order to secure employment. It is exciting to offer employment support to people who have been or could be waiting for services for some time.

DSPD plans to have 200 people participating in this program by the end of Fiscal Year 2012. This program also promotes the Employment First Priority initiative in Utah (House Bill 240), where prioritizing funding for employment for people with disabilities is preferred.